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Democratic Party of Arkansas Federal and Non-Federal Committees, Ron Oliver, Treasurer; Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, James P. Fox, Treasurer; Democratic State Central (Colorado) Federal and Non-Federal Committees, Lawrence N. Beer, Treasurer; Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana General FECA Account and Non-Federal Account, Henry A. Smith, Jr., Treasurer; Docking for U.S. Senate, William R. Docking, Treasurer; Elliott S. Close for U.S. Senate, Harry M. Dalton, Treasurer; Friends of Max Cleland for the U.S. Senate, Inc., Harry P. Stephens, Treasurer; Friends of Senator Carl Levin, Robert H. Naftaly, Treasurer, Idaho State Democratic Party Federal and Non-Federal Committees, Barbara Barber, Treasurer; Kansas Democratic State Federal and Non-Federal Committees, Daniel Lykins, Treasurer; Kerry Committee, Sean Reilly, Treasurer; Maine Democratic State Federal and Non-Federal Committees, James S. Bowers, Treasurer; Sally Thompson for U.S. Senate, Peggy Hanna, Treasurer; Swett for Senate, Katrine Lantos Swett, Treasurer; Tom Bruggere for U.S. Senate, Robert D. VanBrocklin, Treasurer; Torricelli for U.S. Senate, Inc., Angelo Genora, Esq., Treasurer; and The Progressive Politics Network (fka Wellstone for Senate), Richard S. Kahn, Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Elias:

On October 23, 1996, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against your clients. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in the matter on October 25, 2000.

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The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact Alva E. Smith on our toll-free telephone number, (800) 424-9530. Our local telephone number is (202) 694-1650.

Jeff S. Jordan

Supervisory Attorney

Central Enforcement Docket